



Hollister
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PRESS RELEASE

Gang-Related Attempted Murder

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – July 7, 2009 – On July 6, 2009 at approximately 11:19 PM, Hollister police officers were dispatched to the 900 block of San Benito Street on a report of a fight. Arriving officers found a 23-year-old male victim of a stabbing. In addition to being stabbed, the victim had been beaten over the head and body, possibly with a baseball bat. The victim was flown to a Bay Area hospital and is listed in stable condition.

It was reported that a male approached the victim in front of a convenience store. The male asked the victim what he "claimed." This is a common approach by gang members to attempt to identify rivals in a specific territory claimed by one gang, or to attempt to initiate an assault on a rival gang member.

After the initial exchange, the male whistled for four or five suspects to assist him in assaulting the victim. The assailants beat the victim with their fists, but were scared away by passing motorists who honked their horns as they drove by.

The victim thought the assault had ended and began walking on Hawkins Street. Near the intersection of Hawkins and East Streets the same group assaulted the victim again, this time hitting him with a baseball bat and stabbing him numerous times.

The suspects were described as four or five Hispanic males, all in their late teens to early twenties. They were last seen driving a red vehicle, possibly with four doors.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Hollister Police Department at (831) 636-4330 or WeTIP at 1-800-78-CRIME.

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